

Eugene Couple Injured In Two-Car Accident

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stiles, Eugene, were in a hospital here today with injuries received in a two-car accident last night.

Police reported Ethel L. Stiles suffered a shoulder injury and her husband a broken left shoulder bone. They were passengers in an automobile driven by Leon B. Batetel, Portland. The operator of the second car was cited for disregarding a traffic signal.

Surplus Crop of Wheat May Cause Price Depression

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WASHINGTON — (AP)—The American wheat farmer may be inviting economic headaches for himself—and his government—by "going all-out," so to speak, in planting vast acreages for harvest next year.

Taking stock of the situation, the Agriculture Department comes up with a prediction that the 1947 winter wheat crop will be the biggest yet.

And, should the spring wheat crop—which will be seeded next spring—show the same outlook, the nation could wind up with a price-depressing surplus after next summer's harvest.

In that event, the government would have to come to the farmers' rescue by acting to prevent a sharp break in prices.

The acreage planted to winter wheat—which is sowed in the fall for harvest the following spring and summer—was eight per cent larger than was seeded for this year's crop.

And it was seven per cent more than had been recommended by the Agriculture Department. The department had suggested an acreage of around 52,750,000. Farmers planted 56,426,000.

This prospective surplus problem serves to raise the question whether it ever will be possible for the government to get away from production control policies in normal times.

Other Excess Crops Feared
The fact that winter wheat farmers overplanted government goals suggests the possibility that acreages of some crops to be planted next spring also may exceed recommendations and result in the production of other farm surpluses.

It suggests, too, the possibility that next spring's acreages of some crops which compete with wheat for land may fail to come up to recommendations. The result might be a surplus of wheat and a shortage of such crops as dry beans and flaxseed.

The big wheat acreage also suggests that farmers may not be observing good land-use practices, such as crop rotation. The government has been spending nearly \$300,000,000 a year in direct farmer subsidies designed to promote proper land use as a protection for the future.

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More Funds to Be Sought for Power Projects in South

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Another battle in Congress over appropriation of additional funds for the Southwestern Power Administration appeared today.

At the last session of Congress, the agency outlined before House and Senate appropriations committees plans for a \$300,000,000 long-range program of construction of power plants and transmission lines in the Southwest.

The House committee recommended only about \$3,000,000—enough to keep SPA in operation and permit it to build a few lines to Rural Electrification Administration Cooperatives.

Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.), however, was successful in a plea that Congress provide \$7,000,000 for connecting lines between hydro-electric projects in Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

Records that the SPA will seek an additional \$3,000,000 for the next fiscal year has brought word from representatives of some private power companies in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana that they are ready to renew their opposition to what they term "this attempt to wastefully spend tax money."

Egg Output Likely To Exceed Demand

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The Agriculture Department predicts that egg production during the first half of 1947 may exceed consumer demand at government support prices by 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 dozen.

The government is required by law to take whatever action is necessary to assure producers at least 90 per cent of the parity price for their eggs.

Parity is a theoretical standard used by the government to measure whether farm prices are fair to producers and consumers alike.

During the first half of 1946, the government siphoned 200,000,000 dozen eggs off the market to keep prices from dropping below the support level. These eggs were dried and sold to Great Britain.

The department said demand for poultry products is likely to continue strong throughout the first half of 1947 because of high consumer buying power and the prospect for near-record prices for meat and other competing foods.

Nevertheless egg prices will decline as production increases seasonally in the months ahead, the department said, although likely to remain above those in the winter and spring of 1946.

The department said prices of chickens are expected to increase because of a decline in marketings during the egg-laying season ahead.

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Pollet Wins Top Pitching Laurels For Second Time

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Howie Pollet, left-hander of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals, has for the second time in his comparatively brief career won the distinction of most effective hurler in the National League.

The 25-year-old southpaw leads in the earned run averages with 2.21 figures just released for the 1946 season disclose.

In addition, Pollet also leads in total innings pitched, 266 and won the most games, 21. First southpaw to win 20 National League games since Cliff Melton and Carl Hubbell of the Giants in 1937, Pollet was one of only two 20-game winners in the loop. The other was Sain, who had an even 20.

Pollet paced the circuit with a 1.75 mark in 1943 although he played only half the season before entering the Army Air Force. Returning last spring, he started most of the Red Birds' crucial games in their uphill drive to the pennant.

Another Cardinal, little right-hander Murry Dickson, compiled the best winning percentage with 15 victories against six defeats for .714. Ewell Blackwell, Cincinnati's sensational yearling, tossed the most shutouts, six.

The Brooklyn Dodgers' Ed Head turned in the only no-

hitter, an early-season whitewash job on the Braves. Sain hurled the most complete games, 24. Johnny Schmitz of the Chicago Cubs struck out the most batters, 135.

Enrollment At U. S. Higher Schools Exceeds 2 Million

CINCINNATI.—(AP)—The year 1946 draws to a close with "well over 2,000,000" young men and women enrolled in the nation's schools of higher learning, reports Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati.

He said his 27th annual survey of 688 universities for "School and Society," a weekly educational publication, showed total enrollment of 1,718,862 students, including 714,477 war veterans, on Nov. 1. Junior colleges are not included.

The schools surveyed last month reported 1,331,138 full-time enrollments, an increase of 57 per cent over 1939, the last previous peacetime year. The 1945 report showed 985,227 enrolled, including 671,857 full-time, in 645 schools.

The survey showed that men now outnumbered women on campuses two to one, in contrast to the 1945 and 1944 ratio of three women to each two men.

Enrollments listed by states (with 1939 totals in parentheses)

for comparison) included: Washington, 16 institutions, 32,781 (21,301); Oregon, 12 institutions, 13,538 (8,928); Idaho, three, 4,336 (3,486); California, 28 institutions, 88,634 (54,650).

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